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Applicant(s): Pierre ALBOU

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For: A LIGHT DEVICE FOR AUTOMOBILE OVERHEAD LIGHTS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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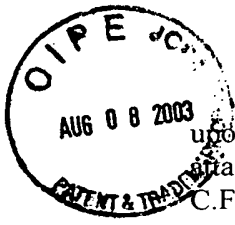
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	4,796,171	1/1989	Lindae et al.			
	5,014,173	5/1991	Lindae et al.			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	DE 19519872 A1	12/1995	DE /with abstract			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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